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Getting Their Eyes Open.

Other Democratic Newspapers in the State are Beginning to Discover the Treachery of the St. Louis Republic.

Slowly but surely the more self-respecting of the Democratic papers of Missouri are getting around to the position of the Kicker on affairs in Missouri. For years the editor has denounced the St. Louis Republic as being more dangerous to Democratic principles than the Globe-Democrat. The difference between the two papers is the same as the difference between an open and a secret enemy.

For years the editor of the Kicker has held that the Republic is as much the organ of organized greed as the rank and file newspaper of the country. It is a journalistic false pretense. It pretends to be Democratic, yet it opposes every principle of true Democracy. It pretends to oppose lobby influence, yet it is and has always been a champion of every lobby measure that has come up before any legislative body.

However, it is gratifying to know that other newspapers of the State are beginning to discover that which the editor discovered years ago. And the Lebanon Rustle sounds this note of warning which is being repeated by many of our most worthy exchanges. Says the Rustle:

"The Democratic press of the State should take notice that the St. Louis Republic has undertaken the task of delivering the next legislature over to the Republicans, in order that a golding corporation capitalist may be elected to the United States Senate. In order to show the purpose of that paper it is only necessary to call the attention of Democrats to the articles recently appearing in the Republic as editorials, boldly proclaiming the purpose of that paper to oppose the election of any Democratic nominee to the legislature—either to the senate or house—who has been or will be subject to lobby influence."

"What superior intelligence or superior integrity does the management of the Republic possess that will enable it to say to the various counties or districts whom they may send to the legislature? Or why may not the men that journal would send

to the legislature just as likely be lobby tools as if selected by the Democrats of Oregon county or the senatorial district of which Oregon county forms a part?

It is a lamentable fact that not since the silver contest of 1895 has the Republic been, in reality, a Democratic paper. It has pretended to espouse the cause of the party, and the party has often been injured by responsibility for its un-Democratic utterances; but in truth and in fact its principles are commercialized, its policies are capitalistic, and the dollar mark is generally used to punctuate its editorials. Since 1898 it has generally apologized for all the outrages committed by the administration in the pursuit of its imperialistic policy. It will offer more criticisms upon the principles of the Kansas City and Chicago platforms than it has upon the policies of the Republican party during the two past administrations.

"In the face of Roosevelt's reversal of his position on the trust question, his assault on the Schley controversy, his trucking to the protection of the Boers and his alliance with Great Britain in the overthrow of republics, the Republic has no word of censure for Mr. Roosevelt, but can readily be classed a Roosevelt journal. What does this mean? The Republic is commercialized. That journal and its moneyed backers are willing to sell out the Democratic party of Missouri, and it has now commenced its work. Will the party allow its nefarious work to succeed?"

"It is high time that ex-Governor Stone was taking a hand in this fight. Throughout the State the Republic is understood to be his mouth-piece. Does Governor Stone want it understood that if a candidate for the legislature is not for him for the United States Senate that therefore the candidate is a tool of the lobby and should be defeated? Governor Stone must either repudiate the Republic or the Democratic party must repudiate him. Which shall it be, Governor?"

Rules Governing Primary.

Below we print a synopsis of the rules to govern the primary election on April 5, 1902:

The polls are to be opened at 8 a. m. and closed at 6 p. m.

The judges and clerks must be disinterested parties, no kin to any candidate running for nomination, and qualified voters at the last general election.

Before delivering any ballot to a voter the two judges must write their names or initials upon the back of each ballot, and no ballot must be counted unless such names or initials appear thereon.

The county booths may be used for the primary election.

If any judge or clerk shall fail or refuse to serve the vacancy shall be filled by the committee on the township if he be present, otherwise the legal qualified voters present may select one of their number to fill the vacancy.

No person except the judges and clerks and the persons voting shall be allowed nearer than ten feet to the polls. No person shall be allowed to solicit the vote of any voter within one hundred feet of the polling place.

The votes, when counted by the judges and clerks, shall be sealed up and delivered by one of the judges or clerks of said election to the chairman of the county central committee, who shall, as soon as all the returns are delivered to him, proceed to open the same publicly in the presence of no less than two members of the county committee, and count the returns made by said judges and clerks.

The judges and clerks shall each receive \$1.50 for their services, and the clerk or judge making returns of election \$1 additional.

No person shall be allowed to vote at said election except those persons who shall be qualified to vote in the election precinct where he offers to vote at the next State, county or municipal election.

If any voter cannot read or write or make out his ticket, his ticket shall be made out for him by one of the judges in the presence of the other judge and clerk.

No person shall occupy any booth to exceed five minutes in preparing his ticket.

Expert Testimony.

Expert evidence is convincing—of its own worthlessness.

In the Patrick case learned experts testified that Mr. Rice might have been killed by putting a towel folded as a cone and saturated with chloroform over his mouth, as described by valet Jones, the main witness.

Other experts swore that killing by such means was impossible. Some experts testified that a cone and sponge saturated would burn; others said it wouldn't.

Some said he died of chloroform poisoning; others said he didn't. Some said "heart disease," and some said "no."

Katydik didn't—a fool for did, a fool for didn't—a big for both; opinions for sale, knowledge on the auction block.

What a humbug it all is.

From Morley.

Mrs. Amanda Black, wife of Wm. Black, sr., died April 1st, 1902, of pneumonia, after a brief illness, aged 54 years, 11 months and 24 days. She was an earnest worker in the church and Sunday school and her services will be greatly missed. She leaves a husband, five children and many friends to mourn her death.

David Bensley, of Morhouse, was buried here Sunday afternoon. He was 49 years of age and was a well known contractor.

L. C. Martin and P. H. Boyce were elected members of Morley school board at the school meeting held on Tuesday.

A large crowd of Morley people attended the funeral of Mrs. Wright at Oran last Sunday.

S. P. Marshall and wife and Lee Wellman and wife, of Crowder, spent Sunday in Morley.

Dr. T. C. Campbell and wife spent several days here this week visiting relatives.

The protracted meeting began at the Methodist church Sunday night. Mrs. Jane Paul, of Blodgett, visited here this week.

Chas. McMullin, of Sikeston, was in town Monday.

About Swapping Votes.

The political schemer is again in evidence and should be guarded against. His scheme is to "swap votes" with his neighbors. He will find out the candidate in whom you are most interested and then approach you. For the sake of illustration we will say that his candidate is Sam Brown. He will approach you and say, "If you will vote for Bill Jones I will vote for Sam Brown."

If you agree he will do the same thing with others of his neighbors and in this way he will get a dozen or more votes for Bill Jones for his one vote for Sam Brown. But the chances are that he will not even cast the one vote for Sam Brown.

Vest Pocket Drink.

A New York man has announced that he can condense into one small pellet or pill the essence of a drink of whiskey, beer or wine—or, in other words, you can now carry your jug in your vest pocket. One of these pellets dissolved in the mouth produces the taste and effect of a drink. This will doubtless solve the question of whiskey in prohibition towns and make easy the problem of abolishing saloons in all towns. When a man can carry fifty drinks in his vest pocket he won't need to stop at a saloon with a friend.

"Have a pill with me!"

Hard On The O.

"Let us make the capital stock \$1,000,000,000," said the first promoter. "All right," said the second, who was preparing the prospectus on the typewriter.

"Will it be hard to increase the capital," asked the first. "No, indeed. All I have to do is to hit this O key a few more times," Baltimore American.

From New Hamburg.

The entertainment Monday afternoon by the pupils of St. Lawrence school was well attended, and the children carried out the program in splendid style.

Last Sunday during mass the newly pronounced marriage of Louis Legend and Miss Mary Scherer was announced.

Father Helmshaber, of Oran, was here Monday evening. He drove over to show us his fine new pair of roadsters.

Geo. Gluck, sr., put up a new grape arbor on the parish property this week. It is a great improvement on the old one.

Joe Miller and wife, of Oran, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Scherer one evening this week.

Dr. Cruise has removed his family to the Scherer property, next door to Scherer & Co.'s store.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dohogne, of Kelso, visited Mrs. Dohogne's parents last Sunday.

Our town was crowded with strangers Friday—mostly candidates. Born, on March 29, 1902, to the wife of Dennis Grueser, a son.

M. Bischof will occupy the house vacated by Dr. Cruise.

Father Montag is spending a few days in St. Louis.

Real Estate Transfers.

Addie G. Manning and husband to Lulu M. Ruggins, lots 7, 8, 9, block 18, Morley, \$300.

N. F. Henson and wife to E. J. Malone, tract of land in 26-14, \$1,400. Jas. A. Pratt and wife to Calvin Grier, 200 acres in 14-15-22, \$115.

John Heisserer to Jos. S. Norrish, land in 2-27-11, \$1,750.

Harriet F. Ellis to A. N. Ellis, tract of land in 31-29-14, \$1.

L. H. Kirkpatrick and wife to L. Welch to Wm. Hunter, 80 acres in 20-27-15, \$1,000.

Allen Sanders and wife to Carter Foster, 80 acres in 31-28-11, \$1,000. Carter Foster to Wm. Hunter, 80 acres in 36-28-13, \$1,000.

Dora Currier and husband to Wm. L. Carroll, interest in lot 11, Sikeston, \$25.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Recorder Harris since our last report:

John M. Boardley.....Commens. Patti Guppton.....Blodgett

Marion C. Kershaw.....Blodgett Bertie Turner.....Oran

Jacob Smith.....Oran Annie Golden.....Oran

Wm. G. Freeman.....Sikeston Mary D. Black.....Sikeston

Alonso L. Gilbert.....Blodgett Emma Green.....Blodgett

Sunday School Convention.

The Sunday school convention for Scott county will be held at Sikeston, Mo., on April 26, 1902. Rev. A. P. George, State Sunday school superintendent, will be present.

J. K. P. Chewins, Corresponding Secretary.

Invest a dollar in the Kicker.

To The Voters.

The campaign has practically closed and I feel that I have made an honorable race against my opponent. It is often the custom to circulate false reports on the eve of an election, after it is too late to refute them. Should anything of this kind be attempted, I trust the voters will treat the matter with the contempt it deserves. As matters now stand I feel confident of success.

Yours truly, Phil A. HAYS.

From Oran.

Died, very suddenly, at her home on Saturday morning, March 29th, 1902, Mrs. Elizabeth Wright, wife of Judge Alex. Wright. Mrs. Wright was one of our oldest and most honored residents, and the entire community was thrown into sorrow at the news of her death. She died of heart trouble without any warning and without a moment's illness. She retired well and awake in heaven. She leaves a husband, two sons and several grandchildren, besides a host of friends and relatives who deeply mourn her death. Her funeral took place Sunday from the M. E. church, conducted by Rev. Manly. She was laid to rest in the Friend cemetery.

The work of moving Stubbfield Bros. store and preparations for building the handsome new brick will begin at once. Mr. Stubbfield is the kind of man that makes a progressive town.

Dr. Williams, of Kelso, and Dr. Tomlinson, of Morley, were called in consultation with Drs. Wescott and Harris in regard to Mrs. Mollie Finley's illness.

The Easter services at the Catholic church were beautiful and interesting and largely attended. People from Morley, Benton and other towns were present.

The entertainment prepared for Easter Monday was postponed until later date because of Mrs. Wright's death and Mrs. Finley's illness.

There is to be a Sunday school convention at the Oran Baptist church on April 11 and 12, conducted by Rev. Chas. Rhoads.

There are still a few cases of small pox in town, but these are closely guarded and there is no cause for alarm.

Misses Ella and Mabel Tomlinson, accompanied by Miss Audrey Williams, visited Oran Tuesday.

Mr. Query has moved into the house formerly occupied by Mr. R. Watkins.

Robert Leslie and Howard Tomlinson, of Morley, were here Sunday.

Mrs. Finley is still very sick. Very little change since our last issue.

Miss Mabel Friend is quite sick at this writing.

From Commerce.

An Bentonite came down Tuesday and landed our better half to visit the capital, and so we are the whole thing—not much time to write. However, we thank you, Bentonites, come again.

T. J. Boardley was elected school director Tuesday to succeed himself. Boys all wanted him again. The school district was again divided by establishing the Hughes district.

Tillman Anderson sent out an order Tuesday to work on new railroad grade in the vicinity of Oran.

Edw. Childers and wife and Edw. Kimmell and wife, of Crowder, are visiting Mother Riggs.

Our city clubs are installing a mill waterworks system—the windmill variety.

River is in condition of the moon. Time to plant your potatoes.

Miss Floy Houchen is visiting her brother at Charleston.

OLD IRON WANTED.

I will remain in the country quite a while and will buy all iron, copper, brass and rubber offered for sale. I have begun buying at Commerce—and will continue to buy at Benton, Walker & Son are my agents.

JONES & CO., Benton, Mo.

Gov. Stone In Benton.

Ex-Governor W. J. Stone spoke in Benton Monday afternoon in the interest of his candidacy for the U. S. Senate. The courthouse was comfortably filled and the ex-governor made a favorable impression on those present. He spoke at Sikeston Monday night.

She Was Correct.

He—I understand this boarding house is kept by a young widow?

She—Yes, I'm the one.

He—Why, you're sixty years old.

She—Yes, but I've only been a widow a week.—Boston Herald.

Fire at Sikeston.

At 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening the barn belonging to Mark Stalcup, north of Sikeston, was totally destroyed by fire. About \$300 worth of feed and a horse valued at \$150 were burned. Total loss about one thousand dollars. No insurance.

The origin of the fire is not known.

August Quelmals Dead.

August Quelmals, formerly of this county, was found dead in a pond of water near Dexter Sunday morning. He had been sick for some time and on Sunday morning he was missing and was found about a mile down the Cotton Belt track in a pond of water as above stated. He did not drown, however, as his head was out of water. It is presumed that he was delirious when he left the home.

He has many children and grandchildren in Scott county who attended the funeral Tuesday.

'ROUND-ABOUT.

Clement Heisserer's residence in Benton came near being destroyed by fire early Monday night. The blaze was discovered before it had made much headway and was easily extinguished. The fire was undoubtedly of incendiary origin, but who the guilty one is we are unable to say. The house was insured.

FOR SALE—A good farm of 192 acres—100 acres in cultivation. Good 2-story frame dwelling, granary, barn, plenty of good water and all modern conveniences. Within 30 minutes' drive of either Oran, New Hamburg or Benton. For further information apply at the Kicker office.

Smallpox seems to be getting a pretty firm hold in Benton—and no precautions whatever are being taken to prevent a general spread. Members of families wherein the disease breaks are continually on the streets and begging with crowds. There is a law against this sort of thing and it should be enforced.

FOR SALE—Late seed Potatoes. Good variety in lots of three bushels or more at \$1.00 per bushel until sold out. Ed Johnson will attend to customers in my absence.

HENRY F. DETERMERS, Commerce, Mo.

At the annual school meeting in Benton on Tuesday W. C. Lambert was re-elected majority of the school board. The vote on county superintendent was a tie—22 for and 22 against.

The Sunday school children of the Benton Methodist church rendered an interesting Easter program of songs and recitations to a well filled house Sunday evening.

FOR SALE—87 acres, 140 acres in cultivation at Bates school house, 90 acres in cultivation on Little River. Good water, balance on long time. W. B. Patts.

Calhoun Matheys, of Oran, J. H. Brannan, of Vandeventer, John Bess of Manning, and John and Adam Heisserer, of Kelso, were in Benton this week.

Leon B. Williams, Wm. Ferguson, Silas White, Joseph Watkins, Louis Golen, Jos. Fungue and W. R. Patts were in Benton this week.

The Kelso correspondents reached us after we had gone to press—the reason it does not appear in this issue.

L. P. Woodward and J. C. Farmer, two prominent Vandeventers, were in town Wednesday on business.

Quite a number of our people attended the funeral of Mrs. Alex. Wright at Oran Sunday.

The Kicker's advertisements bring the best results, and the Kicker's printing is prompt.

Fruit trees are blossoming out. An evidence, at least, that spring is not very far distant.

Next Tuesday is the town election. Candidates for town trustees are not very numerous.

John Hurston has accepted a position in the store of Heisserer & Co.

This has been a busy week for the candidates—and the printer, too.

Leo Gropan, of New Hamburg section, was in town Wednesday.

Charles Benton is reported as having a genuine case of smallpox.

Mrs. E. H. Smith spent a couple of days in St. Louis last week.

The small boy and his ball can will soon be in evidence.

Prof. Stearns was at Charleston last Saturday.

John James came in Tuesday for a few days visit.

Equal Rights To All.

"The world belongs to the living and rules of dead men should not control it," says Mayor Tom Johnson. "The free right to breathe the air, drink the water, and to enjoy the fruits of their own labor should not be denied to man, nor should it be monopolized by a privileged few."

In proportion as you reach your children the truth about these things just so will they benefit by their understanding as they grow into men and women, and the better off they will be in the next generation of the world. But you must not think you are the only teachers. These questions are being debated in all the factories and the shops. God gave the earth to all the people, not to some of them, and its privileges should be equal to all. This is in accordance with the good old Democratic doctrine: "Equal rights to all, special privileges to none," but is vastly contrary to the teaching of the Republican system of concentration of all the wealth into the hands of a few especially privileged to rob the laboring classes by high tariffs, bounties and subsidies. "The most encouraging fact over the political horizon," says the Public Ownership Leader, "is that the man who uttered these bold words is the mayor of the seventh city in the United States; that he, his policies and his political associates have just scored an overwhelming triumph in that city and the county of which it is a part, and that he is being seriously talked of in many directions as the Democratic leader in the next national campaign."

Burlesome.

"In the coming election, Uncle Jim, you should take your conscience with you to the polls."

"No, sah—not me! Dat would only contaminate it. It's a Sunday conscience, on never feels at home out er meetin'!"—Atlanta Constitution.

A Good Reason.

Duncan—Refused to fight him, did you? Ah, that's a noble boy. Now, Tommie, tell the little boy why you refused.

Tommie—"Cause he can lick me!"—Detroit Free Press.

THE SOUTHEAST.

Doings and Happenings in Neighboring Counties.

Stoddard County Guard: An erroneous impression has been created as to the appropriations obtained by Mr. Vandiver for this district for the improvement of rivers and harbors. It was reported in some of the papers in the district that he received no appropriations in the river and harbor bill. This is not true, as the bill shows; for it carries ten thousand dollars for the upper St. Francois, besides eight thousand dollars for the lower part of the river. It carries ten thousand dollars for Black river below Poplar Bluff and five thousand dollars for Current river, which was secured by the efforts of Mr. Vandiver alone.

Dunklin Democrat: The cases against Dr. O'Kelly, Smock and Adams, of Portageville, seems to have been dismissed at New Madrid last week. They were charged with having tried to defraud a fraternal insurance company out of a considerable amount of money by pretending that a policy-holder had died of smallpox, when he was yet alive. All along there have been predictions that the case would never come to trial, as one or more prominent citizens were supposed to be mixed up in the fraud, if one was attempted.

Farmington Herald: Phil. Hafner, the able "Kicker" (no reference is made to any animal of the mule kind) of Scott county, announces himself as a candidate for the nomination for county clerk of his county. He says he is a candidate because he wants the office, or rather the pay of the office. Such candor should be respected. We vote for Hafner and hope he will kick into the office.

The Cape Girardeau Anti-Horse Thief Association of Jackson, Mo., has been incorporated. The members of the association each pay \$1 annually for protection, which money goes into a fund. If a horse is stolen and not recovered the association pays the member 50 per cent of the value of the animal.

It is said that a new 800-barrel flouring mill will be built in Sikeston at the crossing of the new railroad and the Iron Mountain.

Sikeston Democrat: Mrs. Merritt, of Morley, Mrs. Alex. Wright, of Oran, and Mesdames Carpenter and Cobb, of this city, four sisters whose aggregate age is 275 years, were at Iron Mountain depot last Saturday, the two former returning to their home after a few days visit to the two latter.

New Madrid Missourian: Two first-class Southeast Missouri editors are aspiring for the suffrage of voters. Phil. A. Hafner wants to be county clerk of Scott county, and Webb Watkins aspires to the mayoralty of Dexter. May they both be successful in our wish.

In the 18th congressional and 20th senatorial districts, just north of us, a general primary election will be held on June 7, and on this date a majority of the counties in these districts will nominate the Democratic county tickets.

Kennett Mail: Buffalo gnats are said to be numerous and troublesome. It is reported that they caused the death of eleven horses in one day at Hayti, and that they have killed perhaps an hundred or more horses in Pemiscot county.

The special grand jury which was called in New Madrid county to investigate the lynching of the negro minstrel Wright, failed to return an indictment. The names of the parties who lynched the negro could not be learned.

A company of Flat River business men has been organized with a capital of \$2,500 with a view of establishing an automobile line between Bonne Terre and Farmington; also between Farmington and DeLassus.

The Democrats of Madison county have endorsed Judge Fox for supreme judge and permitted him to select the delegates to the judicial convention.

Len Connor, a 19-year-old lad of Dexter, attempted to board a moving train at De Soto last week, fell under the wheels and lost a foot.

A house occupied by a family of negroes, near New Madrid, was blown up with dynamite by unknown parties one night last week.

A marriage license was issued at Poplar Bluff last week to James A. Walker, age 39, and Beaul Murphy, age 18.

The majorities of the candidates in the Oregon county primary ranged from 7 to 1035.

Business Talk No. 1

Hello. HELLO! Hello.
Is this A. BAUDENDISTEL at Kelso, Mo?

YES, SIR.
How is that stock of Hardware you just opened up?
All right. Our stock is the most complete that it has ever been our privilege to own. Why, we are actually selling more Hardware than we anticipated.

Are you still handling the Diamond Edge Hardware Tools?
Certainly. After handling them successfully for 15 years I don't see how I could run a store without them.

What line of Paints do you handle?
The Sherwin-Williams Paint. It cover the earth, gives satisfaction.

What line of Plows do you handle?
Why, the three leading brands of the world---John Deere, Oliver Chilled and The Vulcan; also, Bucher & Gibbs' 50 and 60 tooth Harrow.

Say, are you handling Cook Stoves?
You bet. I will sell you a good one for \$7.50. And the beauty of it is that we take all kinds of Produce in payment for these goods. Tell your neighbors about this, and bring your children to see the Elephant.

Do you still handle the American Steel and Wire Fencing?
Yes, sir; and have a stock of Yard and Lawn Fencing on hand.

You no doubt handle a large stock of Groceries?
Yes, sir; sell coffee at 10c per lb.; A1 good rice, 5c lb.; Tomatoes, 3-lb can for 10c; Corn, 3 cans for 25c; Sugar, 18 lbs for \$1; regular 15c can of Baking Powder for 10c.

How is your stock of Seed and Eating Potatoes?
We have a large stock on hand and are selling 'em cheap. Also, a large supply of Stock Peas, Grass Seeds, Clover Seed, etc.

You know we have a fine line of Dry Goods---Calicoes, 4c and 5c yd.; 6 spools Coates' Thread, 25c; Bleached and LL Sheeting, 4c yd.

We handle Lime, Cement and Hair, Hay Carriers, Forks, Hooks and Rope---Meyers' Hay Tools---and Pumps.

Buy your Easter Shoes of us. Men's work Shoes, worth \$1.50, will sell you at \$1.00.

We want